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Commission Announces Candidates to be Interviewed for Executive Secretary

Chairman William Jordan today announced the names of the three finalists who will be interviewed by the Commissioners at its October 15, 2009 meeting to be the next Executive Secretary. The candidates are:

- Cassandra Lawson, current Chair of the City of Atlanta Civil Service Board and Employee Relations Manager with the State Department of Juvenile Justice (Atlanta, GA)
- John Truslow, current Associate Director for the Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility, J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University, and Ethics Program Manager for XO Communications (Atlanta, GA)
- David Von, current Executive Vice President of HomeCoast Capital LLC (Decatur, GA)

Chairman Jordan added, "Under the leadership of Rick Thompson, the Ethics Commission has cut its case backlog, promoted good government

and transparent elections, provided valuable guidance to candidates and lobbyists, and achieved national recognition for our electronic filing program. The Commissioners are grateful for the 5 years of service that Rick has provided and wish him the very best as he continues promoting ethics in his new position in the private sector. We are also very excited about the future and the opportunity to interview these three very capable candidates to be the Commission's next Executive Secretary."